

LAC: Workgroup #3 February Work Session  
05.22.18, 10:00 to 11:00  
United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area

Group 3 – Identify gaps in community mental health services and make recommendations for additional services, as needed.

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**Members in attendance: Abbie, Matt, Ray, Corey, Alison, Michelle**

**Agenda Discussion:**

~The members in attendance discussed the importance of having a good, working resource system in our county. The United Way has been working hard on trying to get the 211 system implemented but are having some challenges in getting the forms filled out by providers. It was discussed that the form could use some adjustments to make it more user friendly. The United Way plans to review the form in more detail and at the next meeting this will be discussed. Workgroup 3 members will then be assigned various agencies to work with and retrieve the information from.

~Workgroup 3 has been trying hard to identify stakeholders/agencies in the community that others may or may not know about. There are a lot of groups/agency services that are not well known. Some of these include- Parent Support Groups, Celebrate Recovery Groups, Center for Mental Health serves children, Our Place Drop-in Center, etc.

~Downtown business associations are concerned about the mentally ill population roaming the streets and how they are to assist when an apparent crisis situation comes up. Workgroup 3 discussed ways in which they may be of help. Ideas include looking at different state plans on dealing with crisis, having an educational presentation and inviting these businesses, having a “front door” where concerned agencies could call to discuss their concerns.

**Updates:**

- Family First Prevention Act-Legislative Funding- Alison continues to check into this
- United Way will look at reviewing the current 211 form for review at the next meeting
- Abbie plans to share information that she learned in Oregon in regards to crisis intervention
- Michelle will be checking in with God’s Love to discuss how they deal with homelessness and their mental health needs/referrals.